

# COST RECOVERY DECISION DOCUMENT

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Summit Equipment and Supplies

875 Ivor Avenue

Akron, Ohio

Site Number 8A

April 1988

EPA Region 5 Records Ctr.



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Statute of Limitations September 1990

On-Scene Coordinator Ralph Dollhopf

DPC Attorney Felipe Gomez

## REMOVAL ACTION

Removal action at this site was approved in a March 5, 1987, action memorandum and a ceiling increase was approved in an April 15, 1987, memorandum. The removal activities involved the sampling of soils and transformer oils and the removal and disposal of approximately 2000 transformer carcasses, 200 capacitors, and 100 cubic yards of contaminated soil. Phase I of the removal action was completed on September 25, 1987. The removal activities are described in Polreps dated March 9 through September 29, 1987. According to Ralph Dollhopf, OSC, (Conversation Record, March 29, 1988) it is unlikely that the U.S. EPA will conduct any further action at this site.

## SITE DESCRIPTION

Summit Equipment and Supplies (SES) is an operating iron and scrap metal processing facility in Akron, Ohio. The facility is located on a six-acre site in an industrial/residential area. A large marsh borders one side of the site.

In July 1986 the Ohio EPA (OEPA) received a complaint from the Akron Police Department regarding inappropriate handling of transformers at the site. In response, OEPA conducted a site inspection in July 1986. OEPA inspectors observed up to 2000 transformer carcasses, several capacitors and numerous spill areas.

In a February 5, 1987, Technical Assistance Team (TAT) inspection, inspectors observed large piles of scrap metal debris piled up to 20 feet high on most of the six-acre site. Visual observation demonstrated the presence of hundreds of electrical transformers. Toxic Substance Control

Act (TSCA) sampling demonstrated widespread polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) soil contamination on the site at levels up to 74,000 parts per million (ppm). EPA Emergency Response documented off-site PCB contamination at levels up to 8700 ppm.

#### JUSTIFICATION FOR INITIATING REMOVAL ACTION

The SES site presented several current and potential imminent and substantial threats to human health and welfare. SES employees engaged in scraping activities on highly contaminated areas of the site were subjected to PCB exposure via inhalation, dermal absorption, and ingestion pathways. The same exposure pathways existed for the general public who had access to unrestricted areas of the site proper and contaminated areas adjacent to the site.

PCBs are persistent, toxic compounds capable of causing both short- and long-term local and systematic health effects in humans. Their great potential for food chain contamination and bioaccumulation is well documented. PCBs are suspected human carcinogens.

#### COSTS INCURRED TO DATE

According to a SPUR Report dated February 13, 1988, total costs incurred to date are \$498,803.50.

#### PRP INFORMATION

Mr. Benjamin (Benny) J. Hirsch is the owner and operator of Summit Equipment and Supplies. The US EPA issued a Section 104(e) Information Request Letter to SES on April 15, 1987. SES responded to the request on September 12, 1987. Ruth Mancos, Responsible Party Unit, is currently conducting a PRP search to identify generators of hazardous materials found at the site. As of this date, PRPs include Summit Equipment and Supplies and a few generators. A PRP Profile and a Dun and Bradstreet report for Summit Equipment and Supplies are attached.

#### REFERENCES

Action Memorandum Request for Removal Action, March 6, 1987

Action Memorandum Ceiling Increase Request, April 15, 1987

Information Request Letter, April 15, 1987

Responses to Information Request Letters from Brent L. English, Law  
Offices, April 25, 1987, and September 12, 1987

Polreps, March 9-September 29, 1987

Conversation Record with Ralph Dallhopf, March 29, 1988

SPUR Report, February 23, 1988

Dun and Bradstreet Report, April 1, 1988

**PRP PROFILE  
SUMMIT EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES  
APRIL 1988**

**Name:** Benjamin (Benny) J. Hirsch

**Company:** Summit Equipment and Supplies

**Address:** 875 Ivor Avenue  
Akron, Ohio

**Telephone:** (9216) 633-1717

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. Place of Incorporation: style unregistered
2. Registered Agent: not applicable
3. PRP's Counsel: Brent L. English, Law Offices  
611 Park Building  
140 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114  
(216) 781-9917

**DESCRIPTION OF FACILITY AND BUSINESS**

Summit Equipment and Supplies is an iron and scrap metal processing facility. The facility wholesales industrial and machine shop equipment both new and used.

**BASIS FOR PRP'S LIABILITY**

Benny Hirsch is the owner and operator of the facility. Transformers and capacitors were being improperly disposed at the site.

**EPA CONTACTS MADE WITH PRP**

April 15, 1987	Information Request letter
April 25, 1987	Response to Information Request letter requesting an extension of time to supply requested information
September 12, 1987	Response to Information Request letter

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SUMMARY  
RATING

875 IVOR AVE  
AKRON OH 44314  
TEL: 216 633-1717

WHOL INDUSTRIAL &  
MACHINE SHOP  
EQUIPMENT  
SIC NO.  
50 84

STARTED 1981  
PAYMENTS SEE BELOW  
SALES \$1,250,000  
(PROJECTED)  
EMPLOYS 13  
HISTORY CLEAR

BENJAMIN J HIRSCH, OWNER

PAYMENTS (Amounts may be rounded to nearest figure in prescribed range)  
REPORTED PAYING HIGH NOW PAST SELLING LAST SALE  
RECORD CREDIT OWES DUE TERMS WITHIN

03/88	(001)	100	100	100		
Q2/88	Slow 25					2-3 Mos
	(003)	20000	7500	-0-		
	Lease agreement					
07/87	Slow 110	5000	-0-	-0-	1/2 10 N30	
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He submitted the following partial estimates dated JUL 07 1987:  
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#### PUBLIC FILINGS

##### UCC FILINGS

07/07/87 Financing Statement #T0098811 filed 10-19-85 with Secretary, State of OH. Debtor: Summit Equipment & Supplies, Akron, OH.  
Secured Party: Akron Sand Blast & Metal Co, Barberton, OH.  
Collateral: specified construction equipment/machinery.

The public record items reported above under "PUBLIC FILINGS" and "UCC FILINGS" may have been paid, terminated, vacated or released prior to the date this report was printed.

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